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ALL-OUT PSL BID BY OLYMPIC

An all-Greek assault may be launched at the Philips League citadel.

Sydney Olympic president John Constantine said this week that his club would definitely seek a place in the 1981 PSL.

"This is regardless of whether we come first or second in the State League," he said.

"After all, Blacktown got in this year and they had finished only third."

Constantine said he was still hopeful that the long drawn out negotiations with Canterbury Olympic, now revived in informal talks, will lead to some merger.

"I would like to have an Olympic United, bringing all Greek fans under one umbrella.

"Personality problems shouldn't come into it at all; I'm quite prepared to stand down as president, if that's what is needed and let somebody from Canterbury take over.

"They have their clubhouse and we have a good little club. In fact, Olympic has never been healthier.

"In the past 12 months we have proved that our management is stable and our club financially viable.

"We have maintained all the pre-requisites of a PSL team in the State League, with a fulltime manager-coach and good players.

"I really believe that it would make sense to have one strong, well supported Greek-oriented club in Sydney."

Constantine said Olympic would apply for re-admission to the PSL whether any merger with Canterbury takes place or not.

If they made the PSL again, they might consider using Barton Park for some of their home matches.

"Our club has given $30,000 to soccer this year and next year we expect $50,000," he said.

"Our soccer team is run on a balanced budget which is more than many others can say.

"On September 6 our Miss Olympic Ball in the new Masonic Centre, in Castlereagh Street, is expected to raise $20,000 for the club.

"We're ready to return to the PSL and we intend to make a very strong submission.

"If we're still rejected, we'll be forced to take the attitude that they don't deserve us at all."

Referee Ken Allan looks on anxiously as Brisbane City's Ken Low (left) and the Slickers' John Stevenson contest a ball.

RASIC QUITS ADCITY

— By Allan Crisp —

It's official: Rale Rasic will not be manager-coach of Adelaide City next season.

City secretary Guiliano Ursini said last week that Rasic would be unable to continue because of mounting business pressures.

"Rale simply can't stay with us after the end of this season because his business operations need more attention," Ursini said.

Rasic is expanding his Australian Soccer Camps coaching clinic at Dural in NSW.

Ursini said that the decision for Rasic to end his term as manager-coach was reached amicably.

"Rale has done wonders with Adelaide City and with the promotion of soccer generally in this State and we wish him well in his business ventures," he said.

There can be no doubt that the City management are genuine in their regret at losing Rasic, but in the light of the club's rocky financial status, the general belief is that City simply cannot afford to keep the former World Cup supremo.

Some sections of the SA media have linked Rasic's name with Canberra City for 1981, but that club says it has made no official approach to Rasic.

Olympic president John Constantine: hopes to unite Greeks.

No changes at Marconi

Marconi are certain to retain Les Scheinflug as their coach for the 1981 season.

An announcement is expected within two weeks or so, after the election of the new Board of Directors.

Club secretary-manager Milorad Urukalo also looks certain to be retained.

Urukalo is one of the best and most efficient soccer club secretaries in Australia and in his short career with Marconi has earned the respect of his colleagues and pressmen throughout the game.

The Scheinflug-Urukalo tandem has provided the stability on which Marconi's continued successes are built.

HUNGARY HERE EARLY 1981?

Hungary is likely to make a tour of Australia at the end of January and early February.

The Hungarians would be led by their new manager, Karoly Meszoly, himself a former international star.

Meszoly is building a new team and the Australian tour would be a useful tune-up for their 1981 World Cup elimination matches.

The big-name stars of the team are midfielder Tibor Nyilasi, strikers Andras Torocsik and Laszlo Kiss and all-rounder Ferenc Pasztor.

Hungary is likely to play in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

In the last 10 days Hungary played two internationals, both in Budapest.

They won the first one against Sweden 2-0 and then, a few days later, suffered a crushing 4-1 defeat against the USSR.

Only 20,000 fans watched the match against the Soviet team which, in recent years, has always been heavily boycotted by Hungarian fans.

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***WEST ST.GEORGE** (5th div.) gained 4th spot with a hard fought 2-1 win over Edensor Park. Battling high winds and showing definite signs of tension, St.George failed to impress in the first half. In the second half Dave Hooper opened the score for St.George after 23 minutes but shortly after D. Jelaea scored the goal of the match for Edensor. At this point St.George piled on the pressure and following a series of attacks were rewarded with the winning goal from Steve King. Reserve grade, considering the windy conditions played excellent football to run out 4-0 winners. Goal scorers were B. Walton, B. Plumridge, R. Rooke and J. Dwyer.*

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***THE SECOND DIVISION** Sub-Committee will be holding an end-of-season Social for member clubs at the Auburn Soccer and Sports Club on Saturday, October 11th. The presentation of the division's club championship trophy and three grade premiership trophies will be made then. All the NSW executive members have accepted an invitation to attend.*

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***LETHBRIDGE RANGERS** (2nd div.) playing in very windy conditions in their final premiership match for 1980, defeated Lane Cove 4-1. Lane Cove were first to score with Lethbridge equalising in the 15th minute when, from an indirect freekick, Sean McElduff scored. Five minutes later Sean picked up a loose ball, hitting it on the volley from 30 metres out into the top right hand corner of the net for a 2-1 halftime score. In the second half Jim McGaw broke through into the box and was brought down for a penalty; Sean McElduff converted it for his third goal of the match. The match continued with Lethbridge dominating. Ten minutes from the end a shot by Rangers hit the crossbar and in the following scramble, Jim McGaw netted the ball to make the 4-1 final score.*

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***LIVERPOOL ALBIONS** (3rd div.) put up a good performance to humble Riverstone to the tune of 3-0 and with the superior goal difference clinched the premiership of the division from North Ryde (both on 30 points). The first half ended scoreless. Riverstone showed the upper edge in this half and an exciting result was anticipated for the second half. However, the situation completely changed after the interval when immediately after kick-off the ball went to Vlad Knaus and a through-ball was received by Andy Everett who nicely chipped it over the head of the goalkeeper. This goal must have sent Riverstone into panic and without Seb Grasso, the side's top scorer, and with the injured Leo Vanderburg not at his peak, Riverstone were doomed. In the 75th minute a throw-in resulted in the ball going to Alan Fairfull who went alone and from outside the penalty area scored with a very powerful shot. Two minutes later a scramble in the goalmouth finished with a goal rebounding off the goalkeeper into play to Andy Everett who acutely sliced it into the goal just inside the post.*

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***BONNYRIGG EAGLES** (3rd div.) played Port Hacking and won 4-1 then saw the luckless Kingsford go down to Artarmon paving the way for the Eagles to finish fourth and into the semifinal. Against Ports the game was very even in the first half albeit devoid of any sparkle. Bonnyrigg scored first through Tony Oshana from a direct freekick and Port Hacking soon followed with the equaliser. In the second half the Eagles started with more determination and more rewarding attacks. Tony Oshana took the ball down the line and then sent the ball to Martin Bazi to slide it home. The third goal came from a similar situation but this time Tony Oshana went through to make it a solo effort. Five minutes from time a scramble in the penalty area gave Matin Bazi the opportunity to score his second and the last goal of the match. There were many other scoring chances which were completely wasted. After the finals Mick is taking leave for a few weeks in November to visit his home country, Yugoslavia.*

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***PADSTOW** (4th div.) finished runners-up of the division (equal with Fairfield Kiev) after winning their last game of the season 5-1, when playing in very windy conditions against Maroubra. In this game Gary Freshwater was instrumental in setting up the first three goals and Neil Johnson was the man with the golden touch, scoring a hat-trick. Except for the fourth goal which was scored from a penalty, all other goals were scored from similar situations with the ball coming from midfield buildup. Mick Farrel scored the second goal and the penalty kick was taken by Chris Coughlin. The success of Padstow and their likely promotion was celebrated by all but the occasion was twice as enjoyable for Mick Farrel who became a father for the second time when his wife Sue presented him with a daughter on Saturday.*

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***EASTERN CREEK** (4th div.) finished the season as premiers of the division after defeating West Holroyd 3-0 in a local derby. At the interval Eastern Creek were leading by one goal scored by Joe Piplica from a pass by Dave Spargo. In the second half a long ball sent from the midfield was intercepted by the Holroyd goalkeeper who misjudged the ball to allow the awaiting Dave Spargo to head it in. One minute later, almost a similar situation occurred which resulted in the third and final goal for Eastern Creek. From 25 metres Paul Jancek sent the ball flying towards the goal and when the goalkeeper managed to stop the ball Joe Piplica pounced on the rebound to push the ball in. The performance of Eastern Creek was superb and fitting for the premiers of the division. Midfielder and captain Dave Nolan was the man of the match.*

***KINGSFORD** (3rd div.) suffered an upset 1-2 defeat to Artarmon. This loss ended certain hopes of Kingsford who only a few weeks ago were at the top and destined for premiership. With this loss Kingsford slipped to the fifth position surrendering the last semifinal berth to Bonnyrigg Eagles. In this game Artarmon scored first through Barry Reynolds and a penalty by Les Waldock equalised the score. Another penalty in the second half saw Jim Dell score the winner for Artarmon.*

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Last year's champions St.George could well have caught the bug from their PSL counterparts as they dropped from the first four following their debacle in the weekend.

Out of a possible four points from their double, the team could only manage one point.

Against Leichhardt St.George were down one goal within two minutes and despite some attacking football they could only draw level midway through the second half with a goal by Clive Beartow.

At home against Polonia, they were two goals down in the first half and though they managed to peg one goal back they couldn't pull the game out of the fire.

Leaders Marconi also fared badly with their two games; they drew 2-2 with Blacktown City and went down to Revesby by the only goal of the match.

Revesby, who were thrashed by Marconi 7-0 in the first round by a nearly full PSL team turned the tables on their rivals with a penalty goal by Ian McGovern.

McGovern took an early shower soon after scoring the goal following an incident which got him the red card.

The return to form of striker Adrian Pickup gave Bathurst a terrific boost and now the boys from the bush are equal second on the competition table.

Bathurst was two goals down at halftime but fought gamely in the second half against Penrith with Adrian Pickup scoring two goals and replacement Theobold getting the winner.

University of NSW were two goals down against Belmore but fought back with goals from John Sackett and Paul Benecke to salvage a point.

Belmore had quite a good outing this weekend as apart from the point against University they scored a 2-1 win over Penrith on Saturday.

Hero of the side was second grader Greg Buhagiar who made his debut this weekend scoring three of the team's four goals.

Two goals by Neil Taylor kept Blacktown United on their winning trek even though they can't get any honours this season.

Bottom placed Warringah fought out a scrappy scoreless draw, nevertheless gaining another point.

PENRITH v BATHURST 2-3

Penrith: Gibson, Rhodes, Gaskin, G. Thoms, Dunn (Ackerley), Hackney, M. Bemer (Pollard), G. Bemer, Dematia, Lewis, Hobart. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
Bathurst: Coles, Lipoidiven, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, Barlow, Waine, A. Pickup, Dwyer, Judge (Theobold), Bullock, Woodruff. **Coach:** J. Judge.
Goals: M. Bemer, Lewis; A. Pickup (2), Theobold.

BELMORE v PENRITH 2-1

Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Cruger, Lambert, Vergos, Murray, De Mestre, Reynolds, Buhagiar, Franks, Roberts. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Penrith: Gibson, Rhodes (Ackerley), Gaskin, G. Thoms, Dunn, Hackney, M. Bemer (Pollard), G. Bemer, Demattia, Lewis, Hobart. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
Goals: Buhagiar (2), G. Bemer.

WARRINGAH v YUGAL 0-0

Warringah: Hersee, Duncan, Collins, Friend, Morris, Euers, Sturgess, Sandtner (Griffiths), Van Der Saag (B. Beverley), S. Beverley, Scott. **Coach:** Z. Napta.
Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, Mihajlovic, Travini (O'Brien), Kapista, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.

BLACKTOWN UNITED v SYDNEY CITY 2-1

Blacktown United: Rentovetsky, Miller, Eldridge, Casey, Hannish, De Valle, Crone, Clarke, Taylor, Svarc (Milakovic), Boland (Murray). **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Sydney City: Berry, Sorge, Svynos, Woods, Fonseca, Lee, De Silva (Angestopoulos), Henry, Killey, Milidinski, Pettas. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Goals: Taylor (2); Milidinski.

ST.GEORGE v POLONIA 1-2

St.George: Wotten, Skeen, Holmik, Scharfegger, Davies, Beartow, Gnavi (Johnson), Morlando (Rendell), Dredge, Tuntevski, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Polonia: Greenfield, O'Donovan, Svigelj, R. Budini, Hardy, Crowthers, Harris, McRory (Bradley), Maitre, Strzelecki, Illingworth. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Goals: Davies; Maitre, R. Budini.

REVESBY v MARCONI 1-0

Revesby: J. Cabone, Larkins, Hargreaves, T. Cabone, Pittman, Butler, Morrow (Adams), Gill, Mackin (Long), McGovern, Mitford. **Coach:** L. Dobbin.
Marconi: Veneri, Swaine, Colderan, Jemovic, Morson, Dulise, Polzot, Masonwells, Scheinflug, Tomasich, Kelly (Bateman). **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goals: McGovern (pen).

LEICHHARDT v ST.GEORGE 1-1

Leichhardt: Hoare, Lean, Brown, Gaitatzis, Casachia, Watt, Ius, Triantafyllou, Savidis (Davanzo), Drews, De Ciglie. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
St.George: Wotton, Skeen, Johnson, Scharfegger, Holmik, Beartow, Davies, Morlando, Dredge, Tuntevski, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Goals: Triantafyllou; Beartow.

BLACKTOWN CITY v MARCONI 2-2

Blacktown City: Freeman, Rasmussen, D. Campbell, (Frost), Pena, Cuff, Blundell, (Quarmby), B. Campbell, Dolton, Manning, Pearson, Landon. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Marconi: Veneri, Rossitto (Parker), Colderan, Masonwells, Dulisse, Polzot, Swaine, Morson, Scheinflug, Tomasich, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goals: Pena, Landon; Kelly (2).

UNIVERSITY OF NSW v BELMORE 2-2

Uni of NSW: Galen, Dwyer (Kay), T. Popovich, Wren, Hughes, Harris, Tomasic, Kelly, Keluwin, Sackett, Benecke. **Coach:** R. Habour.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Aurisch, King, Lambert, Franks, Murray, Vergos, Reynolds, Billinghurst, Buhagiar, De Mestre. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Goals: Sackett, Benecke; **Buhagiar, De Mestre.**

AUSSIE TITLES

All the results and final tables of the Australian under 12-16 championships will be published next week.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Kuringai v Monaro	1-2	3-0	—
Sutherland v Melita	0-2	1-0	0-1
NS-Inter v Avala	1-1	0-0	0-0
Kuringai v Olympic	0-4	0-3	0-2
Parramatta v Manly	1-0	1-0	0-2
Bankstown v Croatia	3-0	4-2	0-1
Auburn v Arncliffe	5-0	4-2	3-1
Kuringai v NS-Inter	—	—	0-1
Canterbury v Parramatta	—	—	1-3

FIRST DIVISION

Bl'town City v Marconi	2-2	3-1	2-1
Leichhardt v St.George	1-1	1-2	1-3
Belmore v Penrith	2-1	1-1	1-0
Penrith v Bathurst	2-3	2-1	2-1
Uni of NSW v Belmore	2-2	4-0	—
Revesby v Marconi	1-0	1-2	2-4
St.George v Polonia	1-2	3-1	6-1
Bl'town Utd.v Syd.City	2-1	0-0	1-3
Warringah v Yugal	0-0	2-1	2-1

DIVISION 1

Camp'town v Glad.Raven	0-2	0-2	2-4
Baulk.Hills v N.Bankst.	3-4	2-2	0-0
Marrickville v Glad.Horn.	2-2	0-4	1-0
Dee Why v Queens Park	0-0	2-0	0-0
Yagoona v Guildford	1-2	0-2	0-5
Lane Cove v Lethbridge	1-4	1-3	2-1
Marrickville v Dee Why	—	1-1	1-0

DIVISION 3

West Ryde V Sydney Uni	0-0	0-1	
Kingsford v Artarmon	1-2	0-1	
Pt.Hacking v Bonnyrigg	1-4	3-2	
Wenty v Hurstville	2-4	2-1	
Nth.Ryde v Bondi	1-0	0-2	
L'pool Alb. v Riverstone	3-0	1-1	

DIVISION 4

Revesby v Ryde Dist.	1-5	1-0	
Fairfield v Chelsea	1-0	2-1	
W.Holroyd v East.Creek	0-3	0-3	
Maroubra v Padstow Pk.	1-5	0-1	
Eastwood v Paddington	1-0	1-2	

DIVISION 5

Concordia v Macq.Uni	4-2	1-1	
Winston Hills v Camden	2-0	2-1	
W.St.Geo. v Edensor Pk.	2-1	4-0	
Fairfield W. v Pagewood	1-1	3-1	
Haberfield v Auburn Jnr.	4-3	3-2	
Nth.Rocks v Syd.Macc.	3-1	1-1	

DIVISION 6

L'pool Rang.v Hawkesb.	1-3	1-1	
Glenquarrie v Mt.Pritch.	8-0	3-3	
Sth.Syd. v Blacktown	1-3	0-0	
Green Vall. v Chullora	2-1	3-2	
Moorebank v L'pool City	3-0	0-1	
Bankstown v L'pool Utd.	1-3	4-2	

NSW SEMIFINALS

DIVISION 2

Sunday, Guildford Park, 1st grade: Guildford v North Bankstown, 2.45pm; 2nd grade: Guildford v Campbelltown, 1.00pm; 3rd grade: Guildford v Glad. Hornsby, 11.15am; Sunday, Potts Park: 1st grade: Glad. Ravens v Yagoona, 2.45pm; 2nd grade: Glad. Ravens v Lethbridge, 1.00pm; 3rd grade: Nth. Bankstown v Glad. Ravens, 11.15am.

DIVISION 3

Saturday, Artarmon Reserve: 1st grade: North Ryde v Bonnyrigg, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Bondi v Artarmon, 1.00pm. Sunday, Schofields Park: 1st grade: Liverpool Alb. v Riverstone, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Liverpool Alb. v Kingsford, 1.00pm.

DIVISION 4

Saturday, Cawarra Park: 1st grade: Padstow v Paddington, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Padstow v Canley Heights, 1.00pm. Sunday, Cawarra Park: 1st grade: Eastern Creek v Fairfield Kiev, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Eastern Creek v Fairfield Kiev, 1.00pm.

DIVISION 5

Saturday, Schofields Park: 1st grade: Concordia v Winston Hills, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Winston Hills v Macq. Uni, 1.00pm. Sunday, Blamfield Oval: 1st grade: North Rocks v West St.George, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: West St.George v Fairfield W., 1.00pm.

DIVISION 6

Saturday, Ponderosa Park: 2nd grade: Moorebank v Hawkesbury, 3.00pm; 2nd grade: Liverpool City v Glenquarrie, 1.00pm. Sunday, North Richmond Oval: 1st grade: Glenquarrie v Hawkesbury, 3.00pm; 1st grade: Moorebank v Chullora, 1.00pm.

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KIDS DO A MANLY JOB

Manly won the Special NSW State Centenary Tournament held for under-12 teams.

In the final, they beat Bankstown on penalties, after a 2-2 final score.

The tournament was organised by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation at Morrison Bay Park, Gladesville over seven days.

These were the group tables after the preliminary rounds:

In third place, Macquarie beat Southern Districts.

Group A:		Group B:	
Bankstown	10	Southern Dist.	11
St.George	10	Granville	10
Newcastle	8	Central Coast	7
Manly Blue	6	Blacktown	5
C'bury Gold	5	South & East	4
Nth.Tasmania	2	Kuringai Green	4
Nthn.Rivers	1	Griffith	1

Group C:		Group D:	
Manly Red	11	Macquarie	9
C'bury Blue	10	Gladesville	9
Sutherland	8	Nepean	9
Hobart	5	Illawarra	7
Hunter Dist.	5	Sthn.NSW	4
Western NSW	2	Broken Hill	3
R'mond Tweed	1	Kuringai White	1

The winning Manly team — from left: back row: Malcolm Smith, Bradley Smith, Michael Bourke, Nicholas Freedman, Kevin Conna, Jason Priest, Michael Booth; front row: Sean Vanmunster, John Frazer, Martin Herbert, Geoff Atkinson, Nicholas Brenner, Stuart Austin, Greg Watson. **Coach:** John Maunder; **manager:** Barrie Freedman.

WILL THE REAL JUAN OR JOSE PLEASE STAND UP?

Zapata, the legendary Mexican hero might have been here recently — or so it seems from the incredible mess surrounding the Mexican team.

If you don't want to be confused, stop reading here. If you don't mind, read on.

The first list of Mexican players, distributed by the ASF, came from the Federacion Mexicana de Futbol Asociacion, in Mexico City.

We list these names on the left of the column below.

Then, from some source, appeared another list which the ASF passed on to the producers of the official match program; that list is in the middle.

In the third column we traced the full name of some of the players from FIFA News, April 1978, in which Mexico's World Cup squad of 40 was named.

Obviously, part of the confusion stems from the fact that the Mexicans, like most other Latin Americans and Spaniards, incorporate their father's and mother's name in their own.

In an abbreviated version, they use only the father's, which stands straight after the Christian name or names. Thus: Arturo Vazquez Ayala's name officially is Ayala (father) while Vazquez denotes mum's maiden name.

In the official FMFA handout, the names are the abbreviated ones.

In the official program, most of the names are 'wrong' — they are the mothers'...

Even so, the confusion spreads further than that.

Six names on the FMFA list don't appear in the program in any form at all. What happened to them?

By the same token, the official program lists 11 players who cannot be traced (without an honors degree in Spanish etymology) in the FMFA list.

Some of the perplexing riddles can be solved. For example, it's safe to assume that the goalkeeper in Sydney was Ignacio Bahena Rodriguez, listed in two different ways.

We also know by now that Mario Medina, called Mario Rojas in the program, is Mario Medina Rojas.

But there are some deep mysteries left. Is Hector Tapia and Hector Garcia the same person? Is Ricardo Castro the same as Ricardo Flores, or Sergio Lira the same as Sergio Rios?

The official program lists two Guzmans, Mario and Eduardo. We assume Mario Guzman is really Mario Guzman Trejo. In the World Cup, 1978, there was a third, Javier Colin Guzman. Big family — big confusion?

On ABC TV we kept hearing references to Ricardo Castro and Luna Castro.

Was there another list exclusive to the ABC?

Ricardo Castro was listed in the FMFA list, then there was a Juan Antonio Luna, without the Castro bit. How did he become Luna Castro for the ABC?

Enough of the hilarities; the riddle may survive for ever.

Of the players who were actually in Australia — or whom we think were in Australia — four went to the World Cup finals in 1978: Ayala, Tena, Rojas and Martinez.

The lesson from this chaos is clear — if anything is ever clear after a chaos: neither the ASF nor our World Cup subcommittee members are linguists.

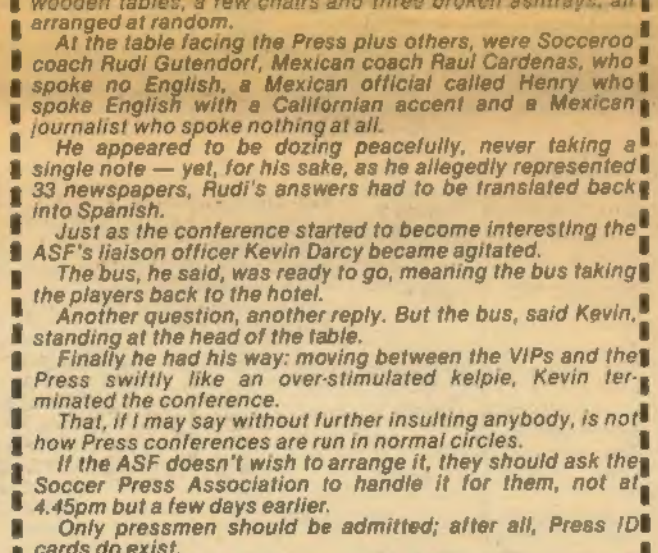
They don't have to be. But in future, when they deal with Spanish-speaking countries (or even Portuguese ones), they should demand a list of players without the mother's name, neighbour's name and confirmation father's name: plain, simple Joe Smith-style.

The Mexicans are not all stupid people: they play a lot of internationals.

When they print their teams, they all read very simply as Soto, Flores, Cisneros, Gomez, etc. without the trimmings.

That should do us nicely.

FMFA HANDOUT	OFFICIAL PROGRAM	WORLD CUP 1978
Gregorio Cortes	Gregorio Espinoza	
Ignacio Rodriguez	Ignacio Bahena	
Mario Trejo	Mario Guzman	
Arturo Vazquez		Arturo Vasquez Ayala
Armando Manzo	Armando Ponce	
Ramon de la Torre	Ramon Jimenez	
Alfredo Tena	Alfredo Garduno	Alfredo Garduna Tena
Miguel Angel Fuentes		
Jose Luis Gonzalez		
Mario Hernandez		
Pedro Munguia	Pedro Munguia	
Mario Medina	Mario Rojas	Mario Medina Rojas
Juan Antonio Luna		
Cristobal Ortega	Cristobal Martinez	Cristobal Ortega Martinez
Hector Tapia	Hector Garcia (?)	
Ricardo Castro	Ricardo Flores (?)	
Sergio Lira	Sergio Rios (?)	
Juan Manuel Azuara		
	Enrique Zarza	Enrique Lopez Zarza
	Jorge Lorenzana	
	Guillermo Sanchez	Guillermo Mendizabal Sanchez
	Juan Castro	
	Hugo Marquez	Hugo Sanchez Marquez
	Agustin Ponce	Agustin Manzo Ponce
	Eduardo Guzman	
	Ignacio Ocaranza	Ignacio Flores Ocaranza
	Mario Calderon	
	Jose Arzola	
	Jose Requenes	Jose Pilar Reyes Requenes



Mexican captain Ayala appears to be sending referee Tony Boskovic off in the Sydney international.

Psst, wanna come to Press conference?

The essence of a Press conference is that it is called to inform the Press of some events, happenings or facts.

No matter how radical this may seem, it is called for the Press so that reporters can, in turn, pass on the information to the public.

But not in Sydney. As evidenced recently after the Mexico match, a Press conference is open to any member of the public who may saunter in from the adjacent bar, possibly by accident.

And well he deserves it, too; next time he'll be more careful.

The room used at the "flashy" Cricket Ground for the Press conference was a medium sized hall with some wooden tables, a few chairs and three broken ashtrays, all arranged at random.

At the table facing the Press plus others, were Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf, Mexican coach Raul Cardenas, who spoke no English, a Mexican official called Henry who spoke English with a Californian accent and a Mexican journalist who spoke nothing at all.

He appeared to be dozing peacefully, never taking a single note — yet, for his sake, as he allegedly represented 33 newspapers, Rudi's answers had to be translated back into Spanish.

Just as the conference started to become interesting the ASF's liaison officer Kevin Darcy became agitated.

The bus, he said, was ready to go, meaning the bus taking the players back to the hotel.

Another question, another reply. But the bus, said Kevin, standing at the head of the table.

Finally he had his way: moving between the VIPs and the Press swiftly like an over-stimulated kelpie, Kevin terminated the conference.

That, if I may say without further insulting anybody, is not how Press conferences are run in normal circles.

If the ASF doesn't wish to arrange it, they should ask the Soccer Press Association to handle it for them, not at 4.45pm but a few days earlier.

Only pressmen should be admitted; after all, Press ID cards do exist.

An official of the ASF, preferably Brian Le Fevre, should chair the conference, beginning with a cordial greeting and announcing the duration of the palaver.

If necessary, an interpreter should sit next to the visiting team's official or coach and give a running translation not to hold up everything.

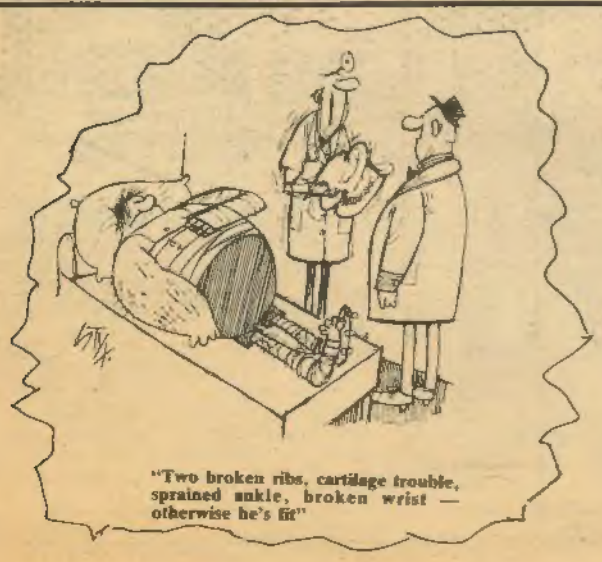
If a visiting pressman can't speak English (oh, Lord, how do they send these blokes on an assignment?) he should arrange his own interpreter or sit, possibly lie, at the feet of the official interpreter.

When it's all over, it's customary to thank the Press for their attendance, stand up and leave the hall in a dignified way.

That's how it's done in most civilised countries.

Will we learn?

—ad



"Two broken ribs, cartilage trouble, sprained ankle, broken wrist — otherwise he's fit"

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (Round 23)

St.George	v	Heidelberg	Barton Stadium	3pm
Adelaide City	v	Sth.Melb.	Olympic Spts.Fld.	2.30
Footscray	v	West Adel.	Western Oval	3pm
Canberra City	v	Sydney City	Bruce Stadium	3pm
Brisbane City	v	Blackt'n City	Perry Park	3pm
Leichhardt	v	Brisb.Lions	Lambert Park	3pm
Marconi-F'fld	v	Newcastle	Marconi Stadium	3pm

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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Sydney City	v	Footscray	Syd.Athletic Fld.	3pm
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1 (2) SYDNEY CITY	22	14	4	4	42	20	+22	32	11	8	2	1	26	10	18	11	6	2	3	16	10	14
2 (1) HEIDELBERG	22	13	5	4	45	24	+21	31	11	8	2	1	31	11	18	11	5	3	3	14	13	13
3 (3) MARCONI	22	12	5	5	44	24	+20	29	11	7	3	1	28	10	17	11	5	2	4	16	14	12
4 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE	22	12	4	6	35	19	+16	28	11	7	3	1	23	9	17	11	5	1	5	12	10	11
5 (5) NEWCASTLE	22	10	5	7	24	25	− 1	25	12	6	3	3	11	11	15	10	4	2	4	13	14	10
6 (6) ADELAIDE CITY	22	10	4	8	35	25	+10	24	11	6	3	2	19	9	15	11	4	1	6	16	16	9
7 (7) BRISBANE LIONS	22	6	10	6	26	27	− 1	22	11	4	4	3	11	9	12	11	2	6	3	15	18	10
8 (8) CANBERRA	22	7	5	10	29	26	+ 3	19	11	3	3	5	13	14	9	11	4	2	5	16	12	10
9 (9) FOOTSCRAY	22	6	7	9	27	36	− 9	19	11	5	1	5	17	18	11	11	1	6	4	10	18	8
10(11) LEICHHARDT	22	7	4	11	23	32	− 9	18	10	5	3	2	13	13	13	12	2	1	9	10	19	5
11(10) BRISBANE CITY	22	4	9	9	26	30	− 4	17	11	4	3	4	16	10	11	11	—	6	5	10	20	6
12(12) BLACKTOWN	22	7	3	12	30	49	−19	17	11	6	2	3	23	14	14	11	1	1	9	7	35	3
13(13) WEST ADELAIDE	22	6	3	13	20	40	−20	15	11	6	2	3	12	12	14	11	—	1	10	8	28	1
14(14) ST.GEORGE	22	4	4	14	24	53	−29	12	11	2	2	7	11	26	6	11	2	2	7	13	27	6

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SYDNEY CITY 2(2)
BRISBANE CITY 1(1)

Goals: 1-0 Watson (3m), 2-0 Gomez (8m), 2-1 Palinkas (25m).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 4 (Souness 60m), Thomson 4, Gomez 3, Bruce 3, Stevenson 3, **Watson 5**, Spanos 3, Boden 4, Smith 3, (Patikas 89m), Trenter 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart (Coe 34m., 4), Potter (Brusasco 44m, 4), Perry 4, Wilkinson 4, Caldwell 4, Pimblett 3, Hamilton 3, Low 3, Palinkas 3, Kelso 3, Conner 4. **Coach:** G. Potter.
Referee: K. Allan (ACT); **crowd:** 1,500; **cautions:** Trenter, Brusasco.

Swept forward by a gusty wind, the Slickers started in tornado-style: two smashing goals were their reward.

First Joe Watson chested down Thomson's long, floated pass and volleyed it home from 14 metres then, a few minutes later, Gomez belted home a mean, low shot from 22 metres, after brilliant lead-up work by Watson and Trenter.

Gradually, however, the shell-shocked Queenslanders regained their composure and survived the early blitz.

In fact, the Slickers slackened: their early paprika turned into apple strudel-soccer: still sweet but somewhat soft and harmless.

With the exception, that is, of Mark Trenter: the "Welsh Windmill" went over the ball in a hair-raising fashion and his victim, George Potter, had to be carried off the field.

The otherwise brilliant referee, Allan — quite possibly the best we have seen all season — would have been justified to send Trenter off; he escaped with a caution.

Before halftime Brisbane City came back strongly: in the 19th and 23rd minutes Low, then Kelso missed in the goalmouth.

Then came a classic goal: Conner finished one of his stunningly mazy runs with a precision cross and Palinkas, soaring through the air, headed home.

The second half, with the wind now a mere breeze, was a tame and pretty uneventful affair.

Terry Smith missed with an easy header at the far post in the 73rd minute, then lifted a volley over the bar shortly after.

By now the wind had died — and so did the match. The Slickers were cautiously guarding their points while the visitors, without their injured goalie and captain-coach, were a subdued lot.

Perhaps Sydney City missed their stalwarts, especially Barnes in midfield; whatever it was, their performance fell short of their usual high standard.

Brisbane City were not outclassed and certainly held their own against the champions-elect.

— Andrew Dettre

2

HEIDELBERG 0
ADELAIDE CITY 0

HEIDELBERG: **Olver 5**, Tansey 4, **Provan 5**, **Bannon 5**, **McMillan 5**, Rooney 4, Campbell 4, Selemides 4, Bozikas 4, Cole 4, Paton 4. **Coach:** L. McKendry.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, **Dodds 5**, **Jones 5**, **Russell 5**, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 4, Muniz 4, Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Melta 4, **Barnes 5**. **Coach:** R. Rasic.
Referee: T. Boskovic (NSW); **crowd:** 3,000; **caution:** Northcote.

Adelaide had proved the better side in the 0-0 draw completely snuffing out the threat of Heidelberg's big gunners up front with what Rasic aptly described as a controlled performance.

In the tightly worked plan, Rasic assigned Russell to mark Paton, David Jones to follow Gary Cole, Glen Dodds to pick up Andy Bozikas and John Perin to sweep behind them.

All four did their job magnificently and Dodds also had plenty to spare for frequent upfield raids.

Adelaide's attack was sharper, with Colin Barnes buzzing all over but the leaders' back four stood up to the test with Pat Bannon excelling at the centre of it all.

Socceroo sweeper John Yzendoorn reported injured before the match but his replacement Bob Provan had a fine match.

The best scoring chance of the first half fell to Barnes.

An Agenor Muniz freekick outside the box was only partially saved by Olver and the loose ball fell for him but he blasted the ball over the bar from a good position.

Barnes was at it again straight after the break, this time feeding Sergio Melta with a cross from the left but the young midfielder was off target with his shot.

The nippy Englishman was on target in the 82nd minute after intercepting Jim Tansey's attempted backpass, but his shot was blocked by Jim Campbell who had read play well racing back to cover the fullback's error.

Heidelberg's chances were few.

Theo Selemides swooped on the ball in a goalmouth scramble but was off target with his shot, Gary Cole missed after running onto a through pass by Rooney and Paton had a shot blocked and turned away for a throw in.

The home side's best flowing move came two minutes from time.

An exchange of passes involving Cole, Paton and Rooney ended with Rooney pushing the through ball for Paton to run onto but Perin was well placed to get a foot to the ball to stop the attack.

The end result satisfied neither side. Adelaide lost further ground in the race for the Top Four, while Heidelberg lost the league leadership because of the point dropped.

— Peter Desira

3

BRISBANE LIONS 0
MARCONI 0

LIONS: Lowndes 3, Ontong 4, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Hogg 4, Lindsay 4, (Wilson 85m), Verweij 3, McNaughton 3, Millman 4, Hughes 4. **Coach:** M. Carson.
MARCONI: **Maher 6**, Degney 3, Muir 3, Prskalo 3, Cant 4, Byrne 3, Henderson 3, Raskopoulos 3 (Lindsay 46m), Sharne 2, Jankovics 2 (Mariani 60m), Krncevic 3. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.
Referee: R. Lorenc (NSW); **crowd:** 3,212.

There can be no other story told: Marconi, with all their Socceroos on the field were completely outplayed by a revitalised Lions that was back to its aggressive best.

That the scoreline does not reflect the difference between the two teams can be summed up in a few reasons.

One is Lions' lack of a truly deadly finisher up front, and two, a truly superb display of world class goalkeeping from a former Socceroo, Alan Maher, whose performance stood between his team and a hiding.

The pattern was set in the first 30 minutes when Lions surged endlessly forward looking for goals.

Millman dived full length to send a header just wide, then Verweij speculated from far out and had Maher scrambling across to turn the ball round the post.

Krncevic had Marconi's first attempt at goal after 28 minutes but blasted high.

Millman immediately retaliated but screwed his shot wide and then Hughes missed the chance of a lifetime when he lofted a Verweij cross right in front of goal.

After the break Lions moved up a gear and inside minutes we saw why Maher has played for his country.

Millman broke through again and sent a shot raging inches wide and then Hogg put a drive right on the button but Maher somehow or other got his fingers to the ball and sent it high over.

From the resultant corner Hughes sent in a scorching header from about 5 metres and not only did the flying Maher get to the ball, but in mid-air, clutching the ball and heading for the net, he twisted his body in flight, changed direction and landed on the right side of the line — a truly magnificent example of the art.

It was all Lions and even the 'keeper had to admit defeat when Millman again broke past his markers and sent a header crashing off the bar.

Marconi were not in the hunt and the coach brought on Mariani but the only danger came when Sharne at last got a lucky rebound, sped down the wing and sent a low grounder only to see Ontong take it off Mariani's toes.

Perhaps it was the Mexican games, perhaps it was the heat, but Marconi looked to be flat and lacking in their usual dash.

— Jim Binnie

Gary Byrne, vital to Marconi's chances of retaining the PSL title.

Phil O'Connor, Leichhardt's speedy, sharp-shooting Socceroo winger.

Denis Duarte, St.George's polished Portuguese striker, tested on Sunday.

4

STH. MELBOURNE 3(2)
FOOTSCRAY 0

Goals: 1-0 Evans (14m), 2-0 Wright (34m), 3-0 Evans (55m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, V. Bannon 4, Xanthopoulos 4, Rogers 3, Wright 4, Christopoulos 3, (Blair 70m), Evans 4, Kalifatidis 4, Lutton 4, Cummings 3 (Kakantonis 66m), **G. Campbell 5**. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 4, O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 4, Jovanovic 4, Vasic 2, (Petrov 75m), Ilioski 3, Lujic 3, (Simic 70m), Belic 4, Milne 4, Kyriakouleas 3, Piciaone 3. **Coach:** R. Ile. **Referee:** H. Witschge (NSW); **crowd:** 3,500; **caution:** Lujic.

There were some shaky moments early in the game for South, but from then on it was one-way traffic with Footscray giving only an occasional yelp when South cracked the whip.

The lack of team-work by Footscray, and the way South took advantage of a strong wind during the first half had Footscray floundering.

George Campbell, in his will o' wisp fashion, gave notice that he would play a big part in the result.

A little bit of needle was soon broken up by referee Witschge and the game was played fairly although there was little to enthuse about.

In the 14th minute, Campbell crossed well for Evans to nod home for the first goal.

Footscray's reply saw Ilioski's shot fly too high.

Laumets showed how well he has improved by playing a great role on the few occasions when he was called on.

Another left wing foray by Campbell saw Wright head home a similar goal to the first one after 34 minutes.

The dash shown by young Kalifatidis in switching defence to attack just before halftime was reminiscent of Alan Davidson at his best.

The second half saw Footscray's efforts self-destructive, and they were soon under pressure again.

Potter ended up under a pile of players, but resumed when he got his wind back.

The ever alert Evans nipped in to take advantage of some good team work to put South three up after 55 minutes.

The strong northerly wind did nothing to halt South's superiority although no further goals were scored.

Both teams made two changes without result.

South staged a comedy of errors at the 80 minute mark, in which several passes went astray.

Fortunately for them, no Footscray player was clever enough to benefit from the opportunity, and the game slowly expired with the crowd heading homewards. Not a "Five Star" game by any means.

It seems that Footscray not only lost a match — but also a coach.

— Jock Stephen

5

BLACKTOWN 0
LEICHHARDT 0

BLACKTOWN: James 3, Harris 3, Turnbull 3, Selvage 3, Pointer 4, Hormazabal 3, O'Donnell 3, Hunter 3, Wilkinson 3, Izatt 3, Stowell 3. **Coach:** M. Jones.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 4, Pullen 4, McGinn 3, Morsello 3, Wilson 3, Dempsey 3, **Butler 5**, McAusland 2, Pirie 2, Coyne 3, O'Connor 4. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.); **crowd:** 3,148.

The only way one could describe this match is as one of the most boring of the season.

Admittedly the strong wind made it difficult for the players to control the ball; poor passing and weak shooting prevailed throughout the 90 minutes.

At least Leichhardt were occasionally going forward and creating chances; Blacktown were clearly playing for a draw, with only two strikers up front.

On clear-cut chances the score could have been 4-1 to Leichhardt.

Once again Terry Butler gave an immaculate display and was the man of this poor match.

The isolated Blacktown strikers, Wilkinson and Hunter, seldom looked dangerous facing a very tight and composed Leichhardt defence.

Butler's midfield partners, Coyne and McAusland, try as they did, at no stage stamped their authority on the match.

In the first 25 minutes Leichhardt could have been two up but once Pirie, once Morsello, missed from Butler crosses.

Then, at the other end, O'Donnell shot over the bar after a mighty Harris throw-in.

Straight after resumption, Morsello missed again in the goalmouth with both Turnbull and James hopelessly out of position.

Some 22 minutes from the end came Leichhardt's last big chance: Butler's cross was headed on by Coyne but Pullen, overlapping, missed at close range.

Near the end both teams accepted the drawn result as inevitable.

Almost certainly the point gave Leichhardt full security from further relegation worries but also took Blacktown a big step closer towards a continuing PSL status.

The few swift Blacktown counter-raids were dangerous but their strikers were outnumbered.

However, much of the credit should go to the strong Leichhardt defence.

Mark Pullen was the best man there and he even found time and space to roam upfield on a number of occasions.

— Mike Renwick

6

WEST ADELAIDE 2(0)
CANBERRA CITY 0(0)

Goals: 1-0 Tymczyszyn (53m. pen.), 2-0 Manecas (89m).

WEST ADELAIDE: **Crook 5**, Tymczyszyn 4, Bozanic 4, McGachey 3, Topaz 3 (Maricic 46m), Forde 3, Carruthers 3, Manecas 4, Norris 3, Honeyman 3, McGregor 3. **Coach:** B. Birch.
CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 3, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 4, R. O'Shea 3, Williams 3, Cole 3 (Giampaolo 71m), **Byrne 5**, J. O'Shea 4, Valeri 4, MacLaren 3, Brennan 3. **Coach:** J. Brown.
Referee: D. Campbell (SA); **crowd:** 3,824; **cautions:** McGachey, Milovanovic.

Billy Birch is currently being hailed by Westad as a super-coach.

Since the former Crystal Palace, WA Hellas and SA player took over from Gerry Chaldi, Westad have collected three out of a possible four points.

Birch has been so successful this season that it does not seem too outrageous to suggest that he can also pull Westad out of the relegation mire.

To do so, however, Westad will need the same share of good fortune in their remaining games as they enjoyed against Canberra City.

Westad will also need Martyn Crook to retain the sparkling form he displayed last Sunday when his uncanny anticipation and fine reflex goalkeeping skills saved his team from a thrashing.

Crook daringly charged off his line time and again to keep Westad in the game in the scoreless first half when, on the run of play, Canberra should have led by at least three goals.

Canberra's Terry Byrne, John O'Shea and Duncan Cole took the first half mid-field honors from Neil McGachey, making his second PSL comeback of the season, and recovering flu victims, Ian McGregor and Eric Carruthers.

Westad was booed off the field at the interval, but the mood of the fickle fans changed eight minutes after the restart when referee Donald Campbell awarded the home side a penalty as Manecas was floored in the box.

Peter Tymczyszyn slotted home the spot-kick past Richard Wilson to register Westad's first penalty of the current league season.

Many of the crowd felt that Canberra should also have been awarded a penalty when Westad defender Tom Forde handled the ball in the box and linesman Dennis Stanley waved his flag.

But referee Campbell ruled that Forde was pushed into the path of the ball and waved play-on.

Manecas notched Westad's insurance goal 30 seconds before fulltime when he collected a rebound off a defender and completed a solo run with an accurate drive.

— Allan Crisp

Marconi must grab chance

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

This, ladies and gentlemen, is definitely and irrevocably, Marconi's *ultima ora*, the very last chance to close the gap and stay in the PSL title race.

Having squandered a precious point to Lions, Marconi will face Newcastle at Bossley Park and nothing but a win — and a good one, at that — will prevent the flag from slipping to halfmast.

Marconi's two rivals will both play interstate where, as you know, anything can happen: if Les Scheinflug's prayers are answered, things will happen.

But first — Marconi themselves. Their all-Australian striking force last week was kept at bay; now they need to explode into action as only they can.

Newcastle will be very tough opponents; a resolute, speedy side with a good blend of skill and grit and some outstanding performers such as Senkalski, Curran, Reaney and Heys.

Marconi, in full flight, can be almost irresistable and this type of form will be needed to secure the points.

Our tip: Marconi 3-1.

Sydney City meanwhile travel to the national capital with the happy feeling of never having lost a PSL game there.

O'Connor and perhaps Barnes and Mullen will be out for various reasons — three key players without whom the Slickers lose a lot of their dash.

Canberra appear doomed to finish the season with their almost traditional whimper: the politicking, such a great pastime in that city, must have affected the club's performances.

Coach John Brown's results are not an iota better than were the sacked Vic Fernandez' and he is unlikely to build new stability into the team in the remaining weeks.

Of course, the individual talent is still there: at the risk of sounding tedious, one must mention Giampaolo and Valeri who, to outsiders, seem simply "undroppable" yet are being used in classic yo-yo fashion.

Sydney City have long ago acquired the art of playing away from home — often better than at home — and this should give them an edge.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.

The third title hopeful, Heidelberg, will play in Sydney against St.George who are now in an almost totally hopeless position.

Heidelberg have the superior teamwork and the individual class but also have to carry the burden of co-favoritism.

The Saints can still escape relegation — if they can beat their highly placed opponents, starting with Heidelberg.

Coach Raul Blanco is no doubt anxious to prove that without Frank Arok, the crutch the club had given him for some weeks, he can do better.

A lot will depend on how the Saints used their week's rest and whether they managed to knock some spirit into a dejected team.

On form and known ability alone, St.George can expect

— By Andrew Dettre —

yet another defeat.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-0.

Adelaide City's very slim Top Four chances may improve or receive a fatal blow against South Melbourne.

A win would get them within two points of their opponents on the day — a defeat would spell *ciao* to their 1980 chances.

What will it be? Adelaide City have some tremendously gifted players and, at home, they seldom let their fans down.

South Melbourne did manage to beat a tepid Footscray but their form isn't what it was a couple of months ago.

Alun Evans is getting back among the goals so Adelaide City will watch him closely.

Our tip: Adelaide City 1-0.

At Lambert Park, Leichhardt, now almost certainly in the safety zone, will try to make their survival quite sure against Lions.

Despite recurring rumors, coach Willie Wallace is still firmly in control and confidently guiding his team out of trouble.

On their home territory, Leichhardt usually raise their game sharply — and even get some goals.

Lions, the PSL draw specialists, don't have much to fight for except prestige and the usual weekly bonus.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.

Footscray may undergo some sort of a shake-up during the week, following their meek loss last Sunday.

The question is whether the schism between president and coach will be settled — or get worse.

Frankly, we cannot see Footscray showing very much interest against West Adelaide.

Having survived yet another PSL season, they seem content to hang on to their status without ever raising their bid.

West Adelaide have now started their belated climb and could begin to threaten some of the teams just ahead of them.

But for that, they must learn how to win a match away from home — something they have failed all season. Maybe now?

Our tip: West Adelaide 2-1.

Brisbane City looked so safe even two weeks ago — but West Adelaide's late run has changed all that.

Now they need more points — and their encounter against fellow strugglers Blacktown could be a desperate and close affair.

The winner will move away from the danger zone while the loser can keep sweating.

Brisbane City will have Ratcliffe back in defence and even Potter may be fit to play.

Blacktown haven't the armament to go all out for a win and are certain to play defensively, hoping to pick up yet another point.

And this is how the match could end.

Our tip: 1-1.

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1	2-0	4-0	2-1		2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0	3-2		9-0
Heidelberg		★	0-0	3-1	0-0	4-0	4-2	5-1		3-2	4-2	2-0	1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★	2-1	2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2	1-1			0-2	2-1	3-0
Brisbane City	2-1	7-0	1-0	★	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★	1-3	1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	6-1	1-1		3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3	1-1	3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	1-0	1-0
West Adel.		1-0	0-2	1-0		1-1	★	0-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-0		4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5	2-2		2-1	1-0	2-0	★		1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	
Brisb.Lions	0-0	1-2	2-0		1-2		2-1	2-1	★	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray	0-4	0-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1		1-0	3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George	0-3		0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3	1-1	★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0	1-2	4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★	0-0	0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2	3-3	2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2	3-0		1-0	★	5-0
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1	1-0	0-0	4-1	3-0	4-2		0-3	★

Who said that there were no half measures in Australian soccer?

Footscray coach Rocco Ille was sensationally sacked at HALFTIME of last Sunday's PSL clash with South Melbourne at Middle Park.

Footscray president Tony Kovac dismissed Ille in the dressing room during the halftime break after the pair had clashed over the substitution of striker Dragan Vasic.

Ille, whose contract was due to expire at the end of the 1980 season, said after the incident that he would be consulting his solicitor over his dismissal.

— P. Desire

AMPOL

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Sydney City's Eddie Thomson: "It was hard to play good stuff in the wind; I'm very pleased with the points."

★ ★ ★

Kevin Mullen may miss Sydney City's next match with a painful groin injury while Steve O'Connor will still be out, serving his two-match suspension.

★ ★ ★

Brisbane City's George Potter: "Trenter's going over the top was deliberate, one of the worst fouls I've seen. He should have been sent off."

★ ★ ★

Kim Wishart, the giant Brisbane City goalie, had to be replaced on Sunday: he twisted his knee during a dive.

★ ★ ★

Leading Leichhardt officials last Sunday again denied rumors about coaching changes: Willie Wallace is 100 percent confirmed for 1981.

★ ★ ★

ASF chief Sir Arthur George, recovered from his brief illness, was at the Slickers v Brisbane City match, together with Rudi Gutendorf.

★ ★ ★

Some Melita officials and fans are annoyed that St.George are reportedly after their coach, Attila Abonyi for 1981. "They pinched Blanco last year from us, now they want to take Abonyi," one commented.

★ ★ ★

Westad coach, Billy Birch: "No I'm not happy with our performance. Too many things went wrong, although a lot of the things we planned came off. Still, when you consider that Eric Carruthers, Ian McGregor and Graham Norris were all recovering from the flu, I guess it wasn't all that bad."

★ ★ ★

Canberra City coach, John Brown: "I don't think West Adelaide will ever play that badly again and win by two goals. The penalty on Manecas was fair enough, but I thought we should have had one when Valeri was up-ended in the first half."

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "We were truly given the run around today. Only Maher played well and we have to thank him for a point. His save from Hughes was unbelievable."

★ ★ ★

Matt Carson, Lions: "A bit more like it today with every player pulling his weight. We did not finish as well as I would have liked but let's not take anything away from Maher, he was superb."

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PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
St.George v Heidelberg	2-2	2-0	2-2
Adelaide City v Sth.Melbourne	2-0	1-1	3-0
Footscray v West Adelaide	0-1	2-2	0-1
Canberra v Sydney City	0-0	1-2	1-3
Brisbane City v Blacktown	—	—	—
Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions	—	—	2-1
Marconi v Newcastle	—	4-2	2-1

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	20
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	13
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	11
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	11
PATON (Heidelberg)	11
BODEN (Sydney City)	10
BULJEVIC (Sth.Melb.)	10
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9
DUARTE (St.George)	8
KELSO (Brisbane City)	8
STEVENSON (Sydney City)	8

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He flies on a magic carpet

FOCUS ON WILLIE CONNER

He's short and slight with a thin, receding hairline; a tiny reddish apology for a beard under steely blue eyes. When he runs, his socks are wrinkled over his boots and ankles. In fact, he doesn't look much of a soccer player at all. Until he moves, that is. And then, Brisbane City's brilliant striker, Willie Conner, turns into one of the PSL's most exciting ball jugglers, a dribbler extraordinaire, a restless mercury sending defenders into despair. He is undoubtedly a "character," reminiscent of Mladen Krgin, the St.George winger in the 1960s.

SW: First your name. We've seen it spelt Connor, Connors, Conners...

WC: No, it's Conner. Scottish.

SW: Were you born there?

WC: Yes, in Ayrshire, came out to Australia in 1965, when I was about 12. I'm now 26.

SW: You played soccer in Scotland?

WC: Only at schools. At that age we don't play for club teams. In Brisbane, I played for three years as a junior with East Aston Villa, then joined Azzurri, the predecessors of Brisbane City and spent 10 years there.

SW: Where did you learn your incredible dribbling ability?

WC: Probably by playing in the narrow streets in Scotland. I never played on grass till I came to Australia. Streets are very tight "pitches," about 20 feet wide so you've got to have balance and ball control to survive. You don't want to be falling over, it's pretty hard on the tar.

SW: When you dribble, do you do it intuitively?

WC: It's all automatic. It's hard to look up and keep a tight control but I'm always looking for somebody to make a move, so I keep my eyes off the ball as much as possible.

SW: You don't score many goals...

WC: Not many, really, since I came into the PSL, I've been concentrating on setting up others. But before the PSL and in my junior days, I used to be my teams' top scorer.

SW: In the last couple of seasons your name was often absent from your team.

WC: Last year I went overseas, on holidays for seven months, back to Scotland. When I came back towards the end of 1979 City were having a good run so I couldn't get back into the team and they loaned me out to Lions. I started this season again with Lions but there was a big wrangle with my transfer so halfway through, without having had a game, I reverted back to City.

SW: What do you do for a living?

WC: I manage a little shop selling Persian rugs and carpets.

SW: Family?

WC: I got married on June 1 this year. My parents and four sisters are all here in Australia.

SW: Why has Brisbane City lost so much of its support lately?

WC: You know how it is when a team isn't going as well as previously...The Italian supporters, when you keep losing, just stay home — but if you win, they come hail or shine. It's very unlike the British fans who follow you through thick or thin. Next year we will return to our own ground and that should boost attendance, too.

Sydney City officials break up a scuffle in the enclosure at last Sunday's game.

SW: Have you ever been considered for the national team?

WC: No. When I was in the Queensland team a few years ago, I was perhaps close but my soccer has dropped away over a period. Since the PSL started, I've never been 100 percent happy with my game and wouldn't consider myself national team material now. But also, I never really had it as a goal to play for Australia mainly because for a long time I considered myself a patriotic Scot. As a kid, I always wanted to play for Scotland. That has all changed in the last three years and if I could improve my game, I'd be very proud to play for Australia.

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AUSTRALIA v MEXICO 1-1

How do you say mayhem in Spanish?

— By Peter Desira —

A clash between Socceroo striker Gary Cole and Mexican goalkeeper Gregorio Cortes in the 25th minute exploded a situation which had been simmering below the surface following the rough-house treatment meted out in the first international between the two sides in Sydney on Sunday.

Cole ran full pelt into Cortes in a chase for the ball and the 'keeper had to receive treatment on the park before being replaced by Ignacio Rodriguez.

Prince Henry hospital's diagnosis of Cortes' injuries was a fractured nose and stitches inserted in a cut on his right hand.

Last January, Czechoslovakia's goalie Netolicka suffered a similar fate in Newcastle.

The match became a no-holds-barred affair from then on and the tackling was among the worst seen in recent times.

Peter Sharne was sent flying twice with tackles by Armando Manzo and Ramon De La Torre, Tansey floored Juan Luna, Henderson clashed with Ricardo Castro, and Cole was kneed by Rodriguez on the stroke of halftime.

Referee Chris Bambridge, officiating his first match as a FIFA referee, had his hands full and ended up with five names in the book in the first half — Azuara, Ayala and De La Torre of Mexico and Henderson and Tansey.

Amidst all this fury Australia had the better of play.

Murray Barnes missed an excellent chance on the quarter hour mark blasting the ball over the bar from inside the penalty area following a great cutback by Eddie Krncevic.

Krncevic himself was narrowly off the mark after controlling a miskick by Cortes who had come out of the area to clear Woodhouse's long goalkick.

The break helped to quieten down matters and the football was much better in the second half.

Mexico went close early when Jose Luis Gonzalez intercepted a backpass by Henderson but Woodhouse came off his line well and managed to block an almost certain goal.

But Australia continued to be the better side and deservedly went into the lead in the 58th minute with a great goal.

The move started from deep with a series of passes on the carpet switching the ball from the left to the right flank before Mark Jankovics put Joe Senkalski away down the wing.

Senkalski's cross was met by Cole who hammered home from inside the area.

But the jubiliation didn't last.

Ricardo Castro levelled the scores 10 minutes later with a hopeful shot from all of 25 metres which caught Woodhouse flatfooted to the extent that he made no attempt to save it.

The goal knocked the stuffing out of the Socceroos but they continued to force the Mexicans to defend in depth.

Henderson smashed a header against the crossbar following a corner by Peter Sharne, while Jankovics almost broke through but pushed the ball too far allowing De La Torre to intercept and willingly concede a corner.

Rodriguez made the best save of the match in the last minute turning a Kenny Boden piledriver round for a corner.

Goals: Cole 58m, Castro (67m).
AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse, Perry, Yzendoorn, Henderson, Tansey, Christopoulos, (Senkalski 34m), Barnes (Jankovics 34m), Boden, Krncevic, Cole, Sharne.
MEXICO: Cortes (Rodriguez 25m), Fuentes, Tena, Ayala, De La Torre, Armando Manzo, Munguia, Luna, Gonzalez (Tapia 80m), Castro, Azuara, (Ortega 63m).

Referee: C. Bambridge, at Olympic Park, Melbourne.
Crowd: 8,000; **cautions:** Azuara, Ayala, De La Torre, Gonzalez, Henderson, Tansey.

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KIDS TO GET AN UNCLE

Joe ("Uncle") Vlasits is likely to be appointed coach of the Australian youth team.

No other coach in Australia has had the same success with youth players as Vlasits.

The youth team will play in an eight-nation tourney in Israel from December 27 to January 10.

Leo Baumgartner is the other main candidate for the post.

Baumgartner was assistant to Rudi Gutendorf last year.

Joe Vlasits

There's nothing wrong with the Jones boy

Mick Jones' contract will run out on September 30 — three days before Blacktown's last PSL match.

"I guess we should be safe by then and the club feels I won't be needed," he said this week.

Jones, 44, thinks of himself now as Sydney's "most dispensable coach."

You can forgive him for that, too.

In 1970 he won the NSW championship with Hakoah — then got the sack.

Later he took over Yugal in a hopeless position — saved them, before leaving the club.

In betwen, he worked in England — never once failing with a club.

In his two years with Toongabbie, then Blacktown, he brought an obscure district club into national focus.

With possibly the most modest material in the PSL, he has almost certainly achieved the impossible in 1980, that of keeping Blacktown in the league.

But his services won't be required any longer...

"Blacktown want a fulltime promotions and marketing man for next season and can't afford a fulltime coach-manager," he said this week.

"I really understand the club: Blacktown has enormous potential, possibly greater than any other NSW club.

"We've had 3,000-plus crowds at our home matches — with a struggling and far from flashy team.

"Imagine if we had a top team, with stars and glamor.

"Of course, I would have loved to stay with the club but it looks unlikely now.

"Soccer is the only trade I know and I need a fulltime position.

"But before I retire, I'd love to find out what it is that makes clubs fail to appreciate the results I bring them.

"There are scores of coaches with less than half my achievements — yet look at the way they can sell themselves.

"I don't believe any more that the future of Australian soccer is in the hands of kids — it's in the hands of club directors who act according to their whims."

DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	19	1	3	39	11	39
Olympic	17	2	4	51	19	36
Auburn	13	5	5	36	23	31
Canterbury	10	5	8	31	31	25
Avala	9	6	8	28	28	24
Nth. Sydney	9	5	10	36	32	23
Croatia	8	6	9	38	34	22
Monaro	7	8	8	27	23	22
Sutherland	8	5	10	28	30	21
Arncliffe	8	4	11	37	43	20
Bankstown	8	1	14	29	41	17
Kuringai	5	5	13	27	41	15
Manly	5	4	14	24	37	14
Parramatta	6	3	15	23	61	15

GRADE 2

Sutherland	11	8	4	35	20	30
Canterbury	13	4	6	31	17	30
Kuringai	13	3	7	56	19	29
Avala	11	7	5	33	23	29
Olympic	12	3	7	39	19	27
Melita	10	7	6	43	29	27
Auburn	11	5	7	27	23	27
Croatia	9	9	5	29	26	27
Bankstown	9	4	9	30	39	22
Manly	6	5	12	23	30	17
Parramatta	5	6	12	19	30	16
Nth. Sydney	5	6	13	16	41	16
Arncliffe	4	6	13	31	45	14
Monaro	2	5	14	14	41	9

GRADE 3

Auburn	17	4	—	46	7	38
Sutherland	14	5	2	48	12	33
Kuringai	11	6	5	44	24	28
Bankstown	9	8	4	39	25	26
Arncliffe	8	8	5	38	31	24
Melita	8	6	7	27	26	22
Manly	9	3	9	31	28	21
Olympic	9	3	9	22	25	21
Canterbury	6	8	8	34	32	20
Parramatta	7	5	10	26	41	19
Croatia	4	5	12	31	47	13
Nth. Sydney	2	4	16	14	45	8
Avala	1	3	18	14	66	5

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Marconi	15	8	4	48	22	38
Blacktown City	11	11	4	52	33	33
Bathurst	13	6	6	41	32	32
Polonia	12	7	6	50	33	31
St.George	12	6	7	60	34	30
Wollongong	11	8	5	41	21	30
Leichhardt	11	8	7	50	42	30
Revesby	10	6	7	39	44	28
Uni NSW	9	7	9	39	32	25
Sydney City	9	5	10	46	38	23
Blacktown Utd.	7	7	11	23	37	21
Yugal	5	9	11	24	41	19
Belmore	6	5	14	26	49	17
Penrith	4	5	15	24	56	13
Warringah	1	6	19	16	64	8

GRADE 2

Sydney City	17	5	2	75	18	39
St.George	17	5	3	58	19	39
Leichhardt	16	4	6	46	22	36
Blacktown City	15	5	6	57	37	35
Wollongong	13	5	8	53	34	31
Revesby	12	5	8	46	31	29
Blacktown Utd.	12	4	7	36	23	28
Marconi	9	3	14	27	37	21
Warringah	8	5	13	27	45	21
Uni NSW	10	1	14	26	50	21
Penrith	8	4	12	26	38	20
Polonia	6	6	11	33	46	18
Bathurst	5	4	16	20	52	14
Belmore	3	5	17	25	64	11
Yugal	2	5	17	19	56	9

GRADE 3

St.George	21	2	2	117	18	44
Sydney City	18	3	3	76	22	39
Blacktown City	16	5	5	80	28	37
Belmore	16	3	5	41	18	35
Marconi	14	5	5	61	26	33
Leichhardt	12	7	5	38	22	31
Wollongong	12	2	10	51	43	26
Blacktown Utd.	10	4	10	38	43	24
Revesby	8	7	10	44	60	23
Penrith	8	4	13	35	57	20
Polonia	9	1	13	41	48	19
Yugal	4	3	17	23	85	11
Warringah	4	2	20	29	56	10
Uni NSW	4	2	17	30	86	10
Bathurst	1	2	22	19	118	4

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	16	5	1	46	17	37
Glad.Ravens	13	5	4	36	15	31
Nth.Bankstown	12	5	5	49	30	29
Yagoona	11	3	8	26	28	25
Queens Park	8	7	7	29	28	23
Lethbridge	9	4	9	38	27	22
Campbelltown	7	8	7	24	24	22
Baulkham Hills	8	4	10	36	41	20
Dee Why	7	5	10	16	26	19
Glad.Hornsby	6	5	11	26	34	17
Marrickville	2	7	13	22	51	11
Lane Cove	2	4	16	18	48	8

GRADE 2

Glad.Ravens	19	3	—	59	7	41
Guildford	11	8	3	57	25	30
Lethbridge	13	4	5	46	29	30
Campbelltown	10	8	4	34	20	28
Nth.Bankstown	10	5	7	30	24	25
Glad.Hornsby	9	7	6	40	39	25
Baulkham Hills	9	4	9	40	44	22
Dee Why	6	5	11	32	42	17
Yagoona	5	3	14	27	48	13
Queens Park	5	3	14	26	49	13
Lane Cove	3	4	15	21	47	10
Marrickville	2	6	14	20	60	10

GRADE 3

Nth.Bankstown	17	2	3	72	12	36
Guildford	16	4	2	86	23	36
Glad.Ravens	15	2	4	66	25	34
Glad.Hornsby	15	2	4	49	16	28
Marrickville	12	3	7	50	30	27
Baulkham Hills	8	8	6	35	31	24
Campbelltown	8	2	12	31	41	18
Lethbridge	7	4	10	20	42	18
Dee Why	3	3	16	9	32	10
Lane Cove	3	3	16	19	60	9
Queens Park	2	5	15	17	62	9
Yagoona	3	2	17	16	75	8

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Liverpool Albions	12	6	4	38	23	30
North Ryde	12	6	4	37	25	30
Riverstone	13	3	6	38	28	29
Bonnyrigg	13	—	8	45	32	28
Kingsford	12	3	7	42	28	27
Bondi	8	8	6	35	25	24
Artarmon	7	6	9	30	27	20
Wenty	7	5	10	33	34	19
Sydney Uni	6	7	9	23	33	19
Hurstville	8	2	12	42	42	18
Port Hacking	4	4	14	23	48	12
West Ryde	1	6	15	24	62	8

GRADE 2

Liverpool Albions	15	6	2	47	17	35
Bondi	16	3	3	41	15	35
Kingsford	13	3	6	52	23	29
Artarmon	12	4	6	56	43	28
Wenty	10	5	7	29	30	25
North Ryde	9	5	8	40	27	23
Sydney Uni	9	3	10	35	35	21
Riverstone	8	4	10	30	37	20
Bonnyrigg	7	4	11	42	37	18
Port Hacking	6	4	12	29	38	16
Hurstville	1	5	16	26	70	7
West Ryde	2	3	17	18	73	7

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastern Creek	15	5	2	43	15	31
Padstow	13	1	5	55	24	28
Fairfield Kiev	10	8	2	36	16	28
Paddington	11	5	4	26	19	27
Eastwood	11	2	7	39	30	24
Canley Heights	8	3	9	38	38	19
Ryde Dist.	8	2	10	35	47	18
West Holroyd	5	7	8	28	39	17
Revesby	4	6	8	23	36	16
Chelsea	2	3	15	12	37	7
Maroubra	2	1	17	21	55	5

GRADE 2

Eastern Creek	16	4	—	56	6	36
Padstow	13	4	3	46	26	30
Fairfield Kiev	10	8	2	49	31	28
Canley Heights	13	1	6	56	31	27
Eastwood	8	7	5	40	25	26
West Holroyd	8	4	8	34	29	20
Paddington	4	5	8	18	28	16
Revesby	5	4	11	35	37	14
Ryde Dist.	4	4	12	16	54	12
Maroubra	1	6	13	12	51	8
Chelsea	1	4	15	19	63	5

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	14	3	5	65	25	31
North Rocks	11	6	5	49	27	28
Winston Hills	10	8	4	46	34	28
West St.George	11	5	6	42	31	27
Fairfield West	9	9	4	33	22	27
Macquarie Uni	9	3	10	39	33	21
Pagewood	7	7	8	35	45	21
Maccabi	7	6	9	37	33	20
Edensor Park	7	5	10	35	40	19
Camden	7	5	10	32	45	19
Haberfield	6	4	12	31	49	16
Auburn	2	3	17	22	72	7

GRADE 2

West St.George	18	2	2	62	20	38
Winston Hills	16	3	3	57	23	35
Fairfield West	13	5	4	51	23	31
Macquarie Uni	12	6	4	53	30	30
Camden	13	3	6	58	27	29
North Rocks	12	4	6	50	29	28
Maccabi	11	3	8	37	23	25
Edensor Park	5	3	14	32	61	13
Concordia	4	3	15	23	47	11
Pagewood	4	3	15	26	65	11
Haberfield	3	1	18	23	70	7
Auburn	1	4	17	13	65	6

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Glenquarrie	16	3	3	66	19	35
Moorebank	14	4	4	60	23	32
Hawkesbury	13	4	5	45	19	30
Chullora	11	6	5	50	22	28
Green Valley	11	5	6	38	23	27
Blacktown	11	4	7	50	34	26
Liverpool City	10	5	7	35	25	25
Liverpool Utd.	10	4	8	38	38	24
Liverpool Rang.	6	5	11	22	43	17
Bankstown	3	3	16	22	79	9
Mt.Pritchard	2	3	17	19	64	7
Sth.Sydney	1	2	19	23	81	4

GRADE 2

Liverpool City	18	3	1	64	17	39
Moorebank	17	3	2	76	15	37
Glenquarrie	14	6	2	68	24	34
Hawkesbury	12	4	6	60	24	28
Green Valley	10	4	8	45	28	24
Blacktown	8	8	6	38	33	24
Chullora	10	3	9	49	29	23
Liverpool Rang.	6	5	11	25	29	17
Liverpool Utd.	5	5	12	39	58	15
Bankstown	4	2	16	22	75	10
Mt. Pritchard	4	1	17	23	61	9
Sth. Sydney	1	2	19	10	116	4

NSW STATE LEAGUE

AVALA MAY CLOSE GAP WITH A WIN

— By Paul James —

While the issue at the top of the table seems well and truly settled, with Melita having a stranglehold on the title, the battle for fourth place still rages as does the relegation battle.

Avala closed the gap between themselves and Canterbury to only one point and their clash this week should be a high point of the round.

Canterbury had the advantage of a week's rest, but Avala will be tough customers if they get too complacent.

Avala have the flash and skill, but their consistency is suspect.

We tip a 2-1 win to Canterbury.

North Sydney's slim hopes of making the top four will be tested this week when they play Olympic.

Although the North Sydney lads will have no fear of Olympic, the Greek giants are decidedly single-minded now in trying to peg back the three-point gap Melita opened up.

We tip a 2-0 win to Olympic.

Melita may settle two issues with one result when they play Manly at Cromer on Sunday.

A win would almost certainly wrap up the title for them while, at the same time, it could well spell doom for the Seasiders.

Manly's performance this year was not up to the expectations of those involved with the club and again the season developed into a struggle — a struggle they now look like losing.

We tip a 3-1 win to Melita.

On Saturday the vastly improved Monaro play Ku-ring-gai.

They met last week in Sydney, with Monaro coming out on top 2-1.

A much more confident side, Monaro are starting to put their game together more like in previous seasons.

If they can keep the basis of this side for next year they may well again challenge for honors.

Ku-ring-gai's problems are many and varied, but there is no denying the fighting spirit of the team.

However, this may not be enough and we predict they will again yield to the Queanbeyanites **in a 1-0 loss.**

Bankstown pulled off a surprise last week when they whitewashed Croatia.

The result definitely eased relegation worries and now the club can look towards next year and analyse what went wrong in 1980.

This week they play Sutherland, another club to which 1980 was not kind.

With a basically new side, Sutherland have done well to maintain a middle order position.

The result here is hard to pick **and we are inclined to go for a 1-1 draw.**

Auburn is shaping up as the dark horse for the semi-final series, and after last week's win against Arncliffe they re-confirmed their strength.

They again meet Arncliffe this week in a re-arranged match.

If the sides remain the same, allowing for injury, we see no reason why Auburn should not notch up another win.

We predict an Auburn win 3-0.

Croatia's chances of salvaging something from the season were dashed last week when they collapsed to Bankstown.

Their side has lacked something special this year and despite some classy players they haven't been able to recapture the magic of the 1977-79 period.

Parramatta will be fighting for their lives this week and Croatia will have to pull their socks up to avoid another embarrassing defeat.

We predict no shock, however, and see **Croatia taking both points in a 2-1 win.**

PARRAMATTA CITY v MANLY 1-0(0-0)

The relegation battle took a rather interesting turn on Sunday following the surprise defeat of Manly by Parramatta City at Garside Park.

Parramatta, after a shaky start fought back well in the second half to snatch victory with a superb goal from Peter Roden, always alert for the long ball on the break.

But credit for the win must go to defenders Percy Bigland, Larry Bates and John Forwood who battled well against pressure from the Manly forwards in the first half.

Manly, with the wind assisting, played an aggressive sort of game with constant attack, but failed to take advantage through very poor finishing.

After the interval, the game swung the other way and Mark Dower had to make two great saves to keep the Parramatta forwards at bay.

But the inevitable happened, and John Forwood who had a very good afternoon sent through a high ball which Peter Roden shot high in the far top corner.

Even after this goal, Manly still could have salvaged a point, but again poor shooting and a spectacular save from Dennis Donovan in the Parramatta goal kept Manly out.

For Manly Bruce Doyle was the pick of the side.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 4, McKenzie 4, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, Bates 4, Forwood 4, Fisher 3, Roden 3, Mitchell 3, Strickland 2 (McAlister 67m), Brizuela 3.

MANLY: Dower 4, Wilson 4, Doyle 4, Emery 3 (Dick 67m), Burchett 3, Townsend 4, Jack 4, Hardaker 3, Firrell 3, Fox 3, Stuart 4 (Vale 79m).

Goals: 1-0 Roden (71m).

Referee: A. Boskovic; **crowd:** 255.

— C. Spiteri

NORTH SYDNEY v AVALA 1-1(1-1)

This most vital match for Avala and to a lesser extent for North Sydney ended in a draw which just about did justice to both teams.

Certainly Cilli had to make a brilliant save two minutes from the end, but throughout the match the Avala goal had as many narrow escapes as Norths'.

Wind played havoc with the ball and with the tempers of both teams, for there was a lot of spite in the match.

Despite this only one yellow card was issued.

Avala took the lead in the 26th minute when a perfect Czolnowski freekick was converted with a driving header by Tilt.

Five minutes later Norrie Porter crossed and Leyden was on hand to put away the equaliser.

NORTH SYDNEY: Cilli 4, Walker 4, O'Rourke 3, Mattheson 3, J. Bottalico 4, Leyden 4, Youssef 2 (Henratty 67m), Porter 3, A. Bottalico 2, (Mitchell 57m), Dale 3, Wilson 3.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Nitya 3, Deller 4, Barton 3, Pilovski 3, Bateman 4, Brown 2 (Micelevski 46m), Czolnowski 4, Tilt 4, Rnjak 3, Kodor 3.

Goals: 0-1 Tilt (26m), 1-1 Leyden (31m).

Referee: G. Warne; **crowd:** 407; **caution:** Dale.

— E. De Mesquita

KU-RING-GAI v OLYMPIC 0-4(0-1)

A well balanced and disciplined performance from Olympic gave them a comfortable win.

Ku-ring-gai for their part never stopped trying, but they lacked the basic skills and imagination of Olympic.

Olympic's defenders were always willing to link up with the attack, and Ankudinoff and Palmer added the extra crushing weight to Olympic's forward thrusts.

The first goal was a combination of luck and determination.

The ball hung in the fierce wind just long enough for Wilson to reach it and send a crashing header past Taylor.

At halftime coach Adam added another striker to his lineup and the move paid dividends, with Scott scoring soon after.

The wind played a part in the third goal, with the ball bouncing awkwardly and catching a defender handling in the penalty area.

Olympic's persistence was highlighted by the fact that they scored twice in the last four minutes when everyone thought they would pull up.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 3, Geekie 3, Robertson 3, McGill 4, Martin 3, Smith 4, Lavin 3, Hill 3, Herron 4, Worthington (Jones 56m).

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Ankudinoff 5, Palmer 5, Wilson 4, Loxley 3 (Scott 46m), Rowden 4, Laing 4, Smith 4, Housseini 4, Cross 4, Hensman 3.

Goals: 0-1 Wilson (41m), 0-2 Scott (47m), 0-3 Wilson (pen. 86m), 0-4 Laing (88m).

Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 3,220; **cautions:** Ankudinoff, Hensman.

— A. Henderson

AUBURN v ARNCLIFFE 5-0(4-0)

Auburn certainly had their shooting boots on against the poor Arncliffe.

Auburn swamped them in the first 20 minutes and the result was never in doubt after the first goal.

McDonald was the scorer, knocking home a rebound from McCulloch's shot.

Martinez was showing all his elegant skills, torturing the Arncliffe defence and setting up innumerable chances for his team mates.

Ross made it 2-0 after 15 minutes, then Martinez set up Bertram who scored the third after 21 minutes.

Before the break McCulloch got his first with an 18-metre drive, then scored the fifth goal after a powerful break through the Scots defence.

In the second period Arncliffe had the wind at their backs, but they still could do little against the well organised Auburn.

Martin and Tracey came close to scoring but their chances were too few and far between to really challenge Auburn's supremacy.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 4, McCoy 4, (Grieve 71m), Fairclough 3, Dobson 3, Bertram 4, McDonald 4, Quigley 3, McCulloch 4, McCrannor 3, Martinez 4, Ross 3 (Gibson 69m).

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 3, Ramisch 3, Oldham 3, Butcher 2, Ainslie 3, Lee 3, Wignall 4, Martin 3, Montgomery 2, Bulloch 2, Tracey 4.

Goals: 1-0 McDonald (6m), 2-0 Ross (15m), 3-0 Bertram (21m), 4-0 McCulloch (43m), 5-0 McCulloch (75m).

Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 219; **caution:** Wignall.

— G. Streeter

SUTHERLAND v MELITA 0-2(0-2)

Wind dictated the match more than most would have liked, though Melita used the swirling conditions astutely and scored twice before the turnaround.

They looked far more dangerous when in attack and pressured Sutherland at every opportunity.

Stoddart in midfield was the driving force behind the side and his passing and ball control were magnificent.

Melita opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Haynes blocked a shot from Jones only to see the ball rebound to the feet of the unmarked Parker who calmly slotted it home.

A minute from halftime a simple attack saw Stoddart slice through the defence before beating Haynes to the ball to turn it in for 2-0.

In the second period Sutherland raised their game but Melita were supreme and benefited the layer youngsters.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Hesford 3, Holman 4, Groome 2, K. Schumann 4, Meades 3, Watkins 3, Harrington 3, Bush 3, Dal Forno 3, Rogers 3.

MELITA: Greedy 3, Berry 3, McDonald 3, Darvill 3, Mikas 3, Juchniewicz 4, Parker 3, Farrugia 4, Allan 5, Stoddart 5, Jones 3.

Goals: 0-1 Parker (15m), 0-2 Stoddart (44m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; **crowd:** 678.

— P. James

KU-RING-GAI v MONARO 1-2(1-1)

Monaro scored an unconvincing win over a disappointing Ku-ring-gai on the rock hard Parklands Oval.

The match was more noteworthy for the controversial incidents leading to the first goal and the non-booking of several players for what appeared to be violent conduct.

In the 40th minute Monaro grabbed the lead — almost literally.

Ian Heywood seemed quite clearly to handle the ball while controlling it before lobbing Antman with an 18-metre shot to score.

Barely a minute later Ku-ring-gai were back on level terms when Hill equalised, sending a dipping shot out of Antonopoulos' reach.

In the second half Lawler settled matters when he waltzed through the middle of the defence to slip the ball home for the winner.

Referee Phelps could have handed out several cautions for serious offences but instead the lone 'offender' was Ku-ring-gai's Hill who received his for what can only be described as an obscure offence.

KU-RING-GAI: Antman 3, Wheatley 3, Geekie 3, Robertson 3, McGill 3, Martin 3, Smith 3, Lavin 2 (Noble 75m), Hill 3, Herron 3, Worthington 3.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 3, Charles 3, Palumbi 3, Noble 3, Santolin 3, Falzon 4, Arquero 3, Lawler 4, Link 3, Heywood 3, Reis 3 (Trajanoski 62m).

Goals: 0-1 Heywood (40m), 1-1 Hill (41m), 1-2 Lawler (66m).

Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 382; **caution:** Hill.

— E. Morrison

BANKSTOWN v CROATIA 3-0(2-0)

The result of this surprising match could be Bankstown's saviour from relegation.

The win was all the more meritorious because they were without three regulars, yet still opened with an attacking outlook.

The first goal came in the seventh minute when Williams scored direct from a corner.

In the 17th minute Williams scored again when Terziovski failed to hold Rea's shot and the midfielder placed the ball past the hapless goalie.

In the second half Croatia attacked, but Bankstown's defence, and in particular Wally Lachowicz, were in superb form.

The best goal was reserved till last when, after a fast double-passing movement on the right, Rea laid the ball into Van Bruinessen's path and he cracked a 20-metre shot home.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 4, Beveridge 3, Beater 4, Van Bruinessen 4, Lynch 4, Peck 4 (Morrison 79m), Williams 4, King 4, Rea 5, Daley 2, Fergusson 3.

CROATIA: Terziovski 2, A. Kovacic 3, Vidaic 3, Basic 3, Dudaric 3, Culina 3, Coleman 3, Savor 4, M. Kovacic 3, Kafka 3, Sullivan 3.

Goals: 1-0 Williams (7m), 2-0 Williams (17m), 3-0 Van Bruinessen (77m).

Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 657; **caution:** Vidaic.

— E. Persen

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MONARO	V KURINGAI	SAT., MARCO POLO
NTH.SYD.INT.	V SYD.OLYMPIC	SUN., PRATTEN PARK
CANT.-M'VILLE	V AVALA	SUN., ARLINGTON OV.
BANKSTOWN	V SUTHERLAND	SUN., SOCCER CENTRE
PARRAMATTA	V CROATIA SYD.	SUN., GARSIDE PARK
MANLY WARR.	V MELITA EAG.	SUN., CROMER PARK
ARNCLIFFE	V AUBURN	SUN., SEYMOUR

S.S.C.Yugal	v Belmore	Sat., Blick Oval
Revesby Work.	v Blacktown Utd.	Sun., Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v Wollongong	Sun., Chopin Park
Penrith Utd.	v Uni of NSW	Sun., Cook Park
Sydney City	v Leichhardt	Sun., Sydney Ath.Fld.
Bathurst '75	v St.George BSC	Sun., Bathurst Show gr.
Warringah	v Marconi-F'fld	Sun.,Narrabeen Fitness

NEXT WEEK

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MONARO	V AVALA	MARCO POLO
MELITA	V OLYMPIC	GARSIDE PARK
AUBURN	V SUTHERLAND	SEYMOUR SHAW
CROATIA	V ARNCLIFFE	KING TOMISLAV
MANLY	V KURINGAI	CROMER PARK
CANTERBURY	V BANKSTOWN	ARLINGTON

Leichhardt	v Blacktown City	Sat., Lambert Park
Revesby Work.	v Belmore	Sun., Milperra Reserve
Blacktown Utd.	v Polonia	Sun., Francis Park
Wollongong	v Penrith Utd.	Sun., Berkeley Spts.Gr.
St.George BSC	v SSC Yugal	Sat., St.George Stad.
Marconi-F'fld.	v Bathurst '75	Sun., Marconi Oval
Uni of NSW	v Sydney City	Sun., David Phillips
Wollongong	v Sydney City	Sat., to be decided

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WORLD NEWS

Maradona — must wait for wealth

Will he? Won't he? Is the marvellous Maradona staying in Argentina or is he moving to Barcelona for incredible fortune and fame?

According to Continental and British newspaper reports, Maradona will definitely go to Barcelona — but only after 1982.

Actually, he would have gone already — but the Argentine Association declared his transfer illegal as his club, Argentinos Juniors, is one of the clubs which has agreed not to let players go abroad before the '82 World Cup.

Argentinos Juniors were to receive $5,500,000 — $3,600,000 in cash, the rest in four annual payments, for tax reasons.

Maradona's share of the transfer fee worked out at $824,000. Barcelona were giving him a signing-on fee of $1,700,000 and $300,000 a year basic salary for the next six seasons, plus $1,000 per month living expenses. And match bonuses which total $10,000 even in a bad year.

Then Maradona's arrival was arousing rather different controversy in Spain. Public opinion was against such a massive outflow of currency, and politicians remarked in the Spanish parliament that it when Spain is finding it difficult to raise enough dollars to buy oil.

The government was even to propose a new law restricting imports of footballers.

Barcelona president Nunez claimed that his club would actually make a profit out of Maradona.

The cash was to be put into two foreign banks and it would be easily repaid bearing in mind the club's current program of adding a further 28,150 places to their Nou Camp stadium, bringing the capacity to 111,000.

With Maradona's magic bringing in capacity crowds week after week, the club could reckon to make $3,000,000 profit every season!

Barcelona's deal with Maradona also gave the Spanish club a 30 per cent share in the "Maradona Corporation" the organisation set up to handle all Diego's revenues from publicity.

With their 30 per cent of the takings, Barcelona reckoned to reduce their outlay on Maradona by anything up to $2,000,000 — especially as they plan to sell advertising space on the shirts and shorts worn by Diego in exhibition matches.

Meanwhile several moves got underway among Argentine fans in a bid to keep their idol in the country.

There was a campaign to persuade 100 businessmen to put in $10,000 apiece; a gigantic TV spectacular was proposed with the profits going to Maradona; Buenos Aires' richest club, River Plate, thought of staging a gala dinner with places costing $1,000 each.

"It looks as though I'm staying in Argentina," Maradona said.

"But I've signed a contract with Barcelona that's valid until 1986, and that means I can't sign for any other club without their permission.

"That's why I've had to turn down a $10,000,000 offer from Juventus.

"No, as soon as the 1982 World Cup finals are finished, I'll be joining Barcelona."

The face of a Murillo painting — the feet of a genius; this is Diego Maradona, now valued at millions.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• *Yugoslav international Hadziabdic has joined the Welsh club Swansea in the English second division.*

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• *The Polish club Ruch Chorzow is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and will stage an international tournament. Chorzow will be the venue of Poland's first international in the autumn, against Czechoslovakia on September 24.*

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• *FK Austria Wien has signed a Brazilian, Claudio Adao, 25, from Flamengo.*

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• *Southampton have increased their admission tickets by 50 percent for the new season, the minimum charge now being $4. All this to be able to pay for Kevin Keegan...*

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• *In case you wonder why Australia doesn't get the really top touring teams: Bayern Munchen collected $60,000 for one match in Amsterdam plus, of course, all expenses.*

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• *Talking of Bayern: all staff writers and correspondents of the weekly soccer magazine 'Kicker' cast their votes as to the team most likely to win the West German title — and all but 4 of the 16 say it will be Bayern.*

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• *River Plate is certain to win the Argentinian championship, for the fourth time in six years.*

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• *Norwich manager John Bond has named as the new captan Kevin Bond — his son.*

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• *Alan Hudson, who joined the Seattle Sounders for a mere $200,000 last season, is in such a brilliant form that Blackpool and Sheffield United are keen to get him back to England.*

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• *Manchester United have signed a promotional contract which will net them $500,000 a year.*

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• *London's "Sun" newspaper conducted a poll among its readers about Sunday soccer — 57 percent favor the idea and 32 percent are against it, with the others undecided.*

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• *Liam Brady, one week after his arrival in Turin to join Juventus: "I'm delighted to be playing for one of the world's great clubs." (Why — what is Arsenal?)*

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• *Bayern Munchen's former international centre back, Georg Schwarzenbeck, had to retire because of a chronic injury problem.*

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• *It's not only in the PSL...The Yugoslav Federation decided only one week before the start of the season which two teams to promote to first division (OFK Belgrade and Galenicka.) The long delay was due to appeals and counter-appeals by several clubs following disciplinary measures against lower division clubs for "match fixings."*

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• *Santos is the "autumn champion" of Sao Paulo, at the halfway mark of the season.*

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• *Former Schalke winger Rudiger Abramczyk is already in trouble with his new club. Said coach Udo Lattek last week: "Abramczyk must learn that soccer is a team sport — or he'll stay on the bench."*

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• *In Brazil, if a club is 90 days in arrears with its payment, the player in question becomes automatically free of his obligations.*

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• *Hungary's new manager, Karoly Meszoly, is certainly cracking the whip as he had promised: he dropped No. 1 star Andras Torocsik from his squad because the famous Ujpest striker was 4kg. over his "match weight."*

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• *Dragan Muzinic, Hajduk Split's Yugoslav international, has signed for Norwich City.*

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• *In a World Cup elimination match in Havana, Cuba beat Surinam 3-0; the return game will be played this week.*

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• *In a preliminary round of the UEFA Cup, Honved of Budapest beat Malta's La Valetta 8-0, in Budapest. Only 1,500 saw the match in the 80,000 capacity Nepstadion — the same afternoon, Ferencvaros drew 20,000 to its league match two miles away.*

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• *Former Brazilian star Tostao who had to retire prematurely because of a serious eye injury, has gained his medical degree.*

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• *The Austrian Federation has introduced a novel idea: any person who can prove that it happens to be his birthday, is allowed in free to matches.*

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• *A break-through in East-West relations: the Russian star Sintchenko from Zenith Leningrad has been permitted to sign as a professional for Rapid Vienna.*

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• *Argentina's manager Menotti after the European Championships: "The best player was Holland's Ruud Krol, then Germany's Rummenigge, Nehoda, Masny and Panenka (Czechoslovakia), Ceulemans and Van Moer (Belgium), Wilkins and Woodcock of England. I was disappointed with Keegan and Bettega."*

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• *Osvaldo Ardiles will spend a brief Christmas vacation back in Argentina — and manager Menotti will select him for the team that plays in the Little World Cup in Montevideo in December.*

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• *Palmeiras have sacked their manager, former national team boss Osvaldo Brandao.*

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